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Connecticut employment increased by 12,700 jobs during September, unemployment declined, and higher personal income were among other improvements in the economy, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total employment reached 1,669,100 in September, up from 1,656,400 during August (page 2). It represents a gain (1.2%) of 20,300 jobs from last year's employment of 1,648,800. Manufacturing employment was up 7,000 from August to 372,600. Each of the durable goods categories improved and there were scattered increases or unchanged categories in the nondurable areas. Nonmanufacturing added 5,700 jobs, including gains in retail trade, government and health services. Eleven labor market areas had higher monthly employment which declined in three and was steady in Stamford (pages 5 & 6).

Weekly wages of factory production workers at $450.66 were the highest since April for a longer 42-hour workweek, while hourly earnings went up eight-cents to $10.73 (page 3). Last year's weekly and hourly earnings stood at $441.60 and $10.59, respectively, for a 41.7 hour week. Computed for straight-time, weekly wages in September were $410.80, up from $406.40 last year. Employment in construction paid the highest wage, $646.27 weekly, followed by transportation equipment, $538.14; chemcials, $525.81 and machinery, $513.09. Bristol area workers received the highest weekly pay, $536.07, with New London/Norwich second at $518.67; Middletown, $492.25; Norwalk, $488.84; Hartford, $487.77 and New Britain, $480.48 (page 6).

Unemployment: September's actual unemployment estimate was 51,100 (2.9%), down from 54,500 (3.1%) in August and the same 2.9 percent rate for September a year ago (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate remained at 3.1 percent. It was 3.2 in 1987. The nation's actual unemployment rate was 5.2 percent seasonally adjusted to 5.4 percent in September. With the exception of Norwalk where the 2.2 percent rate was unchanged and Danbury with a one-tenth increase, all other labor markets had lower unemployment over the month. The estimates include people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose unemployment payments expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Improvement was recorded in several other areas of the economy (page 7), with personal income of state residents at a new record monthly high of $5-billion, 427-million, fewer initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits and increased manufacturing output.

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Findings of a July 1988 Connecticut wage survey in selected occupations are attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Sept. 1988 (P)	Aug. 1988 (R)	Sept. 1987 (R)	% Change Sept.'88 over Aug. '88	% Change Sept.'88 over Sept.'87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,669,100*	1,656,400*	1,648,800*	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing.....	372,600*	365,600*	382,800*	+ 1.9	- 2.7
Durable.....	276,300*	269,300*	286,800*	+ 2.6	- 3.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,400	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals.....	13,000	12,700	13,200	+ 2.4	- 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	42,800*	41,400*	42,900*	+ 3.4	- 0.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,700	47,000	47,600	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Electrical Equipment....	51,200	50,400	50,300	+ 1.6	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	76,800*	73,400*	87,400	+ 4.6	- 12.1
Instruments & Clocks....	23,300	23,000	24,300	+ 1.3	- 4.1
Other Durable.....	14,100	14,000	13,700*	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Nondurable.....	96,300	96,300	96,000*	0.0	+ 0.3
Food.....	13,100	13,000	12,700*	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Textiles.....	3,400	3,400	4,100	0.0	- 17.1
Apparel.....	6,700	6,500	7,200	+ 3.1	- 6.9
Paper.....	9,600	9,600	9,300	0.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,200	27,300	27,700	- 0.4	- 1.8
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,800	21,400	- 0.9	+ 5.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,000	12,000	11,900	0.0	+ 0.8
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,296,500	1,290,800*	1,266,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Construction & Mining....	83,800	84,700	81,400	- 1.1	+ 2.9
Transportation.....	41,800	39,200	40,600	+ 6.6	+ 3.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	16,900	16,300	+ 1.2	+ 4.9
Other Transportation....	24,700	22,300	24,300	+ 10.8	+ 1.6
Communications.....	19,300	19,400	19,800	- 0.5	- 2.5
Utilities.....	13,000	13,100	13,100	- 0.8	- 0.8
Trade.....	386,000	383,600*	373,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	90,000	90,100	88,100	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Retail.....	296,000	293,500*	285,400	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
General Merchandise....	35,800	35,000	33,500	+ 2.3	+ 6.9
Food Stores.....	51,000	50,300*	49,200	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,500	0.0	+ 3.4
Restaurants.....	80,700	80,600	80,500	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade.....	94,900	94,000	89,700	+ 1.0	+ 5.8
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	152,200	153,700	151,200	- 1.0	+ 0.7
Banking.....	34,900	35,600	34,000	- 2.0	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	79,300	79,800	81,300	- 0.6	- 2.5
Real Estate.....	15,400	15,700	14,800	- 1.9	+ 4.1
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,600	22,600	21,100	0.0	+ 7.1
Services.....	400,200	401,200	388,100	- 0.3	+ 3.1
Hotels.....	11,500	12,300	11,400	- 6.5	+ 0.9
Personal Services.....	19,600	19,200	18,600	+ 2.1	+ 5.4
Business Services.....	89,600	89,800	88,600	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Health Services.....	121,200	120,600	116,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Law & Professional.....	37,200	37,300	34,500	- 0.3	+ 7.8
Educational Services....	34,900	32,300	33,300	+ 8.1	+ 4.8
Other Services.....	86,200	89,700	85,000	- 3.9	+ 1.4
Government.....	200,200	195,900	198,300	+ 2.2	+ 1.0
Federal.....	25,500	25,900	24,600	- 1.5	+ 3.7
State & Local.....	174,700	170,000	173,700	+ 2.8	+ 0.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1988(P)	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987(R)	Sept. 1988(P)	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987(R)	Sept. 1988(P)	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$450.66	$438.78	$441.60	42.0	41.2	41.7	$10.73	$10.65	$10.59
DURABLE MANUFACTURING	465.24	453.18	450.66	42.8	42.0	42.0	10.87	10.79	10.73
Lumber & Furniture	368.99	364.62	343.36	41.6	41.2	40.3	8.87	8.85	8.52
Primary Metals	488.57	485.25	488.50	44.7	44.6	45.4	10.93	10.88	10.76
Fabricated Metals	450.14	435.69	423.85	43.2	42.3	42.3	10.42	10.30	10.02
Machinery	513.09	506.79	479.79	44.5	44.3	42.8	11.53	11.44	11.21
Electrical Equipment	393.05	382.75	388.08	42.4	41.2	42.0	9.27	9.29	9.24
Transportation Equipment	538.14	511.83	509.97	41.3	39.8	40.7	13.03	12.86	12.53
Instruments and Clocks	444.86	448.45	431.98	44.8	44.8	43.9	9.93	10.01	9.84
Other Durable Mfg	381.75	378.10	395.24	40.1	39.8	41.3	9.52	9.50	9.57
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING	411.93	402.98	414.33	39.8	39.2	40.7	10.35	10.28	10.18
Food	394.94	386.97	391.33	40.8	40.1	38.9	9.68	9.65	10.06
Textiles	355.83	354.71	336.88	40.9	40.4	40.2	8.70	8.78	8.38
Apparel	252.45	241.85	242.29	37.4	36.7	36.6	6.75	6.59	6.62
Paper	466.02	462.67	520.96	40.7	40.8	44.0	11.45	11.34	11.84
Printing and Publishing	422.24	420.74	401.84	37.7	37.6	38.9	11.20	11.19	10.33
Chemicals	525.81	514.60	534.60	42.2	41.5	44.0	12.46	12.40	12.15
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	355.60	339.40	356.70	40.0	38.7	41.0	8.89	8.77	8.70
Other Nondurable Mfg	292.15	313.05	334.80	32.9	35.9	40.0	8.88	8.72	8.37
CONSTRUCTION	646.27	643.93	643.42	39.6	39.7	40.8	16.32	16.22	15.77

(P) Preliminary estimate
(R) Revised estimate

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Sept. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	51,100	2.9	54,500	3.1	50,400	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.1)		(3.2)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,700	3.7	9,100	3.9	7,900	3.5
Bristol.....	1,200	3.2	1,400	3.6	1,300	3.4
Danbury.....	3,200	2.8	3,100	2.7	3,300	2.9
Danielson.....	1,400	4.0	1,500	4.3	1,500	4.2
Hartford.....	11,500	2.6	12,200	2.8	11,000	2.6
Middletown.....	1,400	2.5	1,400	2.6	1,400	2.6
Lower River.....	400	2.2	400	2.4	300	2.0
New Britain.....	2,300	3.1	2,500	3.3	2,200	3.1
New Haven.....	7,900	2.8	8,400	3.0	7,500	2.8
New London/Norwich*..	3,800	2.8	4,400	3.2	4,000	3.0
Norwalk.....	1,800	2.2	1,900	2.2	2,000	2.5
Stamford.....	2,300	1.9	2,500	2.2	2,500	2.2
Torrington.....	1,200	2.4	1,400	2.7	1,300	2.6
Waterbury.....	3,600	3.4	4,000	3.9	3,900	3.8
Willimantic.....	600	2.2	600	2.4	600	2.2
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	6,368,000	5.2	6,659,000	5.4	6,857,000	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.6)		(5.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Sept.'88	Aug. '88	Sept.'87
1967=100.....	358.9	356.6	344.4
1982-84=100.....	119.8	119.0	115.0
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.7	+4.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Sept.'88	Aug.'88	Sept.'87 (R)	Percent Change to September 1988 from: Aug.'88	Sept.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	202,370	199,500	199,060	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	57,090	56,540	58,740	+ 1.0	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	145,280	142,960	140,320	+ 1.6	+ 3.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,190	26,040	25,800	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	7,320	7,070	7,750	+ 3.5	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,870	18,970	18,050	- 0.5	+ 4.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,680	81,870	80,780	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	24,080	23,860	23,600	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	58,600	58,010	57,180	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,540	22,860	23,320	+ 3.0	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	8,780	8,310	9,090	+ 5.7	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,760	14,550	14,230	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	489,850*	484,040*	479,770*	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	94,010*	90,640*	93,460*	+ 3.7	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	395,840	393,400	386,310	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	47,370	46,110	46,140	+ 2.7	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	9,580	8,960	10,080	+ 6.9	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	37,790	37,150	36,060	+ 1.7	+ 4.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,470	15,640	14,680	- 1.1	+ 5.4
Manufacturing	4,690	4,700	4,660	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,780	10,940	10,020	- 1.5	+ 7.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,930	67,090	65,940	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	20,060	19,960	20,760	+ 0.5	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	47,870	47,130	45,180	+ 1.6	+ 6.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	258,170	256,590	252,130*	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	46,020	45,580	46,960	+ 1.0	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	212,150	211,030	205,170*	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	114,520*	114,090*	119,810*	+ 0.4	- 4.4
Manufacturing	25,900*	25,770*	33,950	+ 0.5	- 23.7
Nonmanufacturing	88,620	88,320	85,860*	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	74,910	74,970	73,760	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	19,670	19,600	20,020	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	55,240	55,370	53,740	- 0.2	+ 2.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,290	129,320	127,090	- 0.0	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	23,330	23,090	23,540	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	105,960	106,230	103,550	- 0.3	+ 2.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Sept.'88	Aug.'88	Sept.'87(R)	Percent Change to September 1988 from: Aug.'88	Sept.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,470	34,590	33,490	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	7,930	7,790	7,920	+ 1.8	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	26,540	26,800	25,570	- 1.0	+ 3.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	90,010	89,110	86,800*	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	23,830	23,430	23,650*	+ 1.7	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	66,180	65,680	63,150	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,710	20,310	21,990	+ 11.8	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	1,730	1,720	1,860	+ 0.6	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	20,980	18,590	20,130	+ 12.9	+ 4.2

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Bridgeport	$468.16	$444.17	$451.26	41.8	39.8	41.4	$11.20	$11.16	$10.90
Hartford	487.77	463.50	447.91	42.6	41.2	41.9	11.45	11.25	10.69
New Haven	428.48	409.85	405.01	41.6	40.3	40.1	10.30	10.17	10.10
Stamford	477.85	505.00	472.22	39.2	40.4	42.2	12.19	12.50	11.19
Waterbury	442.00	425.64	377.73	44.2	43.3	41.6	10.00	9.83	9.08

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987
Bristol	$536.07	$527.48	$459.65	45.2	45.2	43.2	$11.86	$11.67	$10.64
Danbury	477.92	452.13	449.77	45.3	43.6	44.4	10.55	10.37	10.13
Danielson	391.84	395.07	379.85	39.5	39.0	40.8	9.92	10.13	9.31
Middletown	492.25	480.17	444.24	41.4	40.9	39.7	11.89	11.74	11.19
Lower River	400.00	365.88	361.12	40.9	39.9	41.7	9.78	9.17	8.66
New Britain	480.48	473.76	462.46	42.9	42.3	42.9	11.20	11.20	10.78
New London-Norwich**	518.67	473.08	473.96	42.1	40.4	41.0	12.32	11.71	11.56
Norwalk	488.84	465.47	437.65	44.4	42.9	41.8	11.01	10.85	10.47
Torrington	371.43	366.50	336.18	41.5	41.6	40.7	8.95	8.81	8.26
Willimantic	432.72	415.89	404.19	43.1	41.3	40.5	10.04	10.07	9.98

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4(R)	1670.0(R)	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4(R)
Sep....	1669.1(P)	1665.8(P)	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5427.1(P)
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing r=revised

Federal Loans

1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments

1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction

1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,437,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (9/30/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (9/30/88)

$318.9 million

AREA WAGE SURVEY-CONNECTICUT, JULY 1988

The table on the following page presents results of a July 1988 survey of occupational wages in the state of Connecticut, conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is 1 of over 100 such reports which the Bureau prepares annually or every other year at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 90 other areas throughout the United States.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 362 establishments employing 222,462 workers was selected to represent 3,030 establishments employing 630,974 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table I provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request. Copies of the complete report can be obtained from the Connecticut Labor Department's Office of Research and Information by calling (203) 566-2120. Wage surveys were also done for the Hartford area (July, 1988) and Danbury area (July, 1987) and can be ordered from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Publications Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690. Send $1.75 for the Hartford publication (Bulletin # 3045-25); $2.25 for the Danbury publication (Bulletin # 3040-24). Copies of reports for other areas in the United States can be obtained from the Bureau at the above address.

Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Connecticut, July 1988

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																				
		Mean	Median	Middle range	Under 5.00	5.00 and under 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 11.50	11.50 – 12.00	12.00 – 12.50	12.50 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 – 18.00	18.00 and over
Secretaries	7,773	10.82	10.58	9.23–12.03	–	–	1	51	43	90	308	529	607	643	666	779	716	723	607	483	378	486	351	173	85	18	36
Typists	511	7.49	7.23	6.54– 8.89	–	–	37	37	150	66	44	52	55	37	19	13	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Typists I	267	7.20	6.61	6.44– 8.50	–	–	37	33	85	20	6	21	42	23	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Typists II	244	7.82	7.52	6.71– 8.48	–	–	–	4	65	46	38	31	13	14	19	13	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors	1,017	9.03	8.79	7.78–10.00	–	–	20	14	103	67	69	100	157	117	62	95	36	35	37	36	14	32	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors I	403	7.67	7.52	6.80– 8.92	–	–	20	14	85	78	46	26	46	42	21	22	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors II	614	9.79	9.43	8.50–10.96	–	–	–	–	21	9	23	74	111	75	41	73	34	34	37	36	14	32	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators	1,480	7.73	7.50	6.79– 8.72	–	34	88	110	196	310	194	151	101	104	67	64	18	5	13	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators I	1,074	7.26	7.19	6.50– 7.78	–	34	88	109	188	272	153	99	63	32	12	2	7	–	12	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators II	405	8.86	9.14	8.15– 9.81	–	–	–	–	8	38	41	52	38	72	75	62	11	5	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
File clerks	597	6.15	5.94	5.50– 6.32	–	141	164	162	44	31	17	36	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
File clerks I	328	5.92	5.76	5.49– 6.19	–	118	67	91	8	8	8	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
File clerks II	268	6.44	6.10	5.95– 6.92	–	23	77	71	36	23	9	27	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Messengers	184	7.04	6.85	6.00– 8.16	6	11	27	30	37	23	6	44	1	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Receptionists	107	7.48	7.32	6.00– 9.07	–	–	–	41	12	16	6	2	1	4	9	14	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Switchboard operators	206	7.62	7.29	6.40– 8.75	–	10	3	44	30	23	10	24	23	23	4	6	5	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer operators	1,848	10.33	10.01	8.60–11.93	–	–	1	25	14	62	121	162	228	158	133	134	122	145	89	150	86	107	44	62	5	–	–
Computer operators I	164	8.04	8.01	7.89– 8.59	–	–	–	17	1	20	37	41	36	7	4	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer operators II	924	9.33	9.08	8.18–10.29	–	–	1	8	13	42	84	111	174	129	87	73	55	62	22	45	3	15	–	–	–	–	–
Computer operators III	578	11.82	11.73	10.80–12.64	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	18	22	37	50	53	76	42	91	61	55	22	46	3	–	–
Computer operators IV	182	12.71	12.63	11.84–13.56	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	11	13	7	25	24	22	37	22	14	2	–	–
Peripheral equipment operators	20	8.95	9.08	8.36– 9.36	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	4	2	8	3	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer data librarians	94	8.34	8.13	7.42– 9.93	–	–	–	–	6	23	9	16	17	14	3	2	–	1	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	–
Drafters	1,473	10.96	10.56	8.50–12.96	–	14	13	40	27	14	47	266	69	111	63	118	104	72	74	78	58	131	80	49	45	24	34
Drafters II	164	7.51	8.00	6.51– 8.44	–	14	13	7	27	7	2	53	33	3	–	3	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Drafters IV	596	11.75	11.34	10.45–13.20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58	29	75	96	50	26	65	43	94	33	14	16	–	–
Electronics technicians	852	13.61	13.60	10.87–17.16	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	34	9	44	35	22	65	29	38	67	33	52	74	35	91	214	–
Electronics technicians II	295	11.03	10.82	9.54–12.30	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	19	6	44	35	22	35	27	18	37	4	18	4	24	–	–	–
Electronics technicians III	495	15.44	16.26	13.57–17.35	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	2	18	28	29	34	40	11	91	214	–
Maintenance carpenters	268	13.59	13.20	12.02–16.04	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	10	5	15	23	17	24	77	18	3	66	5	–
Maintenance electricians	1,391	14.23	14.50	12.80–15.84	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	33	38	6	37	64	91	66	210	256	240	239	19	20
Maintenance painters	154	12.65	12.47	12.00–13.20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	1	1	3	11	11	46	14	50	–	–	13	–	–
Maintenance machinists	834	12.47	12.93	11.72–12.98	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	30	21	–	101	112	92	256	75	72	18	31	–	–
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	1,407	13.50	13.80	11.23–15.84	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	23	20	210	12	138	61	52	70	127	278	140	213	45	18
Maintenance pipefitters	512	13.18	13.20	12.02–14.02	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30	–	14	1	47	32	33	54	134	84	–	65	5	–
Motor vehicle mechanics	915	13.18	13.20	11.78–14.70	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40	22	32	–	60	96	46	66	263	69	154	22	20	1
General maintenance workers	955	9.30	9.54	8.13–10.50	–	–	13	4	45	44	76	120	78	81	102	114	131	112	2	14	5	4	–	–	–	–	–
Tool and die makers	1,508	14.23	14.02	12.85–16.06	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	89	77	75	199	296	282	119	316	59	2
Stationary engineers	151	13.85	13.57	12.31–16.07	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	1	6	7	19	25	27	8	8	21	15	2
Truckdrivers	6,847	11.37	11.49	9.80–14.00	20	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	287	666	358	63	189	533	753	637	115	2	7
Truckdrivers, light truck	830	7.18	6.25	5.50– 8.02	20	181	118	110	63	91	28	39	2	5	7	6	47	54	57	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, medium truck	1,523	12.55	14.59	10.20–15.41	–	19	10	30	5	36	54	63	27	18	66	205	8	64	19	10	17	69	282	486	5	2	7
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	1,321	10.76	11.06	9.50–11.49	–	–	–	–	–	48	48	–	75	114	166	73	103	500	18	11	2	57	95	6	5	–	–
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	1,974	12.60	12.87	11.35–14.00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	120	109	91	74	205	267	31	160	303	357	146	105	–	–
Shipping packers	1,865	7.75	7.25	6.50– 9.17	60	102	70	206	363	211	178	128	65	150	39	200	8	40	–	–	–	35	32	–	–	–	–
Material handling laborers	1,639	7.84	7.00	5.73– 9.90	1	28	564	85	116	58	160	30	72	43	67	221	14	37	–	17	12	26	60	–	–	–	–
Forklift operators	1,857	10.13	10.27	7.96–11.87	–	–	–	76	36	76	309	55	60	101	188	46	144	163	160	217	127	78	31	–	–	–	–
Guards	3,957	6.53	6.00	5.25– 7.00	199	956	678	588	434	297	118	105	100	82	52	197	63	26	22	26	–	–	12	–	–	–	–
Guards I	3,652	6.27	5.95	5.25– 6.75	199	956	678	588	434	297	100	86	49	53	15	106	23	12	12	26	–	–	12	–	–	–	–
Guards II	306	9.70	10.00	8.85–10.44	–	–	–	–	–	–	18	17	51	29	37	89	40	14	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	9,591	5.88	5.25	4.50– 6.60	[3]134	1973	864	940	406	736	311	276	271	229	122	47	93	–	10	18	38	70	30	–	–	–	–

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases—but not bonuses—under cost-of-living allowance clauses and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totalling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Middle ranges are not provided when fewer than 15 workers are reported.

[2] For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

[3] Workers were distributed as follows: 195 at $3.50 to $4.00; 1302 at $4.00 to $4.50; and 1637 at $4.50 to $5.00.

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